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BANDITS ROUTED; 42 DEAD

Cavalry Squadron Under Major Howze Surprises Villa Band of Large Numbers in Sudden Driving Attack at Ojoaules.

Outlaws Make Only Momentary Stand and Then Flee in Disorder—Troopers Still in Pursuit of Remnants of Rebel Party.

Field Headquarters, Near Namiquipa, by Wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 6—A full squadron of 230 men of the Eleventh Cavalry, surprised and routed a much larger force of Villa bandits at Ojoaules, 47 miles south of Cusiuhuirachic early yesterday.

Forty-two Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. There were no American casualties.

The American command, under Major Robert L. Howze, had been pursuing the bandits under General Cruz Domínguez and Julio Acosta for several days when they encountered them en masse in the huddled adobe huts of Ojoaules.

The Mexicans were completely surprised and fled in all directions. After firing a few wild shots they began a flight, each man whiffing for his own safety. Some of them were able to seize their horses, already saddled from a hard day's ride previously, but others made their way into the hills aloft.

Major Howze said he was still pursuing the scattered remnants of the band which is the largest remaining under the Villa standard. This decisive victory gave much satisfaction to military men here. It is believed the band is the same as that defeated at Temachic, April 25, by Col. George A. Dodd's command.

PLAN ADDITIONS AT POST OFFICE ARCADE'S ANNEX

Entrance From John Street One of Possibilities of Improvement Scheme.

Plans are considered that will soon result in enlargement of the Arcade annex building located on the south side of the Post Office arcade and extending from the original arcade to the post office property on Broad street. The building will be extended in the rear by an addition that will be 50x75 feet, raised to the present height of the building with the possibility of additional stores and an arcade entrance from John street.

The property is part of the Henry A. Bishop estate and is occupied on the street floor by O'Connor's barber shop, the Remitz fur shop and William Donnelly, Henry A. Bishop, William E. Burnham and the McNab Indicator Co. occupy large office space on the second floor.

Ambassador Page Sends England's Note on Seizure

Washington, May 6—Ambassador Page at London today communicated to the state department the British government's official notification that, yielding to the representations of the United States, it would release the 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks taken by British cruiser from the American steamer China near Shanghai.

Falling Plate Glass Nearly Severs Foot From Passer's Body

The right foot of Joseph C. Berkwit, an employee of T. Hawley & Co., living at 326 Deacon street, was nearly severed from his body yesterday as a sheet of plate glass fell one story in the wrecking operations of the old Bridgeport Savings bank building. State and Main streets.

The plate glass, estimated in weight at nearly 100 pounds, escaped the hands of the men who were working on the building, leading towards the street. It struck Berkwit's foot on edge, instantly tearing through the shoe leather and cutting an artery. The victim was removed to the office of Dr. Benjamin B. Finkelstone, where treatment was rendered. The victim was taken later to his home. Berkwit lost considerable blood and was weakened.

LEPROSARIUM BILL PASSED

Washington, May 6—The Adamson bill for the establishment of a leprosy hospital in the United States under the supervision of the public health service already passed by the House, now awaits the action of the Senate. The measure is similar to one which previously passed the House but failed in the Senate. The leprosy bill would cost \$250,000.

NEW YORK FIRM LOWEST BIDDER ON BRIDGE JOBS

Only One Company Agrees to Keep Traffic Open During Construction.

COMMISSION WAITS COMPILED FIGURES

Will Meet Next Tuesday To Go Over Tabulated Bids For Two Jobs.

Edward DeVoe Tompkins, Inc., of New York city, was lowest bidder on the combined contract for the Grand street and East Washington avenue bridges when the bids were opened in the common council chamber at noon today. This was the only contracting firm that offered to keep traffic open in East Washington avenue during the building of the bridge.

The combined bid proposing to keep traffic open except for one month before the bridges are completed, was \$4,000 more than the next lowest bidder, who did not propose to keep traffic going in East Washington avenue during the building of the two bridges.

Toole & Sunderlin, of Bridgeport, who bid on the East Washington avenue bridge only, offered an alternate bid, according to plans and specifications of their own and proposed to have the city engineer superintend the construction of the bridge.

The bids were: Edward DeVoe Tompkins, Inc., New York city, Grand street bridge, \$187,000; \$80 per linear foot for concrete piling, East Washington avenue bridge, \$123,000; trolley arches, \$1,100; Strauss barrier and hand rail, \$3,000; waterproofing counter weight pit, \$1,200. These prices provided both contracts are awarded. To keep East Washington avenue open during construction, \$60,000 additional.

Snare, Trieste Co., of New York: Grand street bridge, \$195,400; concrete wall and piling, \$22 per linear foot, East Washington avenue bridge, \$179,400; trolley arches, \$2,800; Strauss barrier and hand rail, \$2,300.

Great Lake Dredging Co., Chicago: East Washington avenue bridge, \$194,500; trolley arches, \$2,000; Strauss barrier and hand rail, \$4,800. Waterproof counter weight pit, \$1,500.

Toole & Sunderlin, Bridgeport: East Washington avenue bridge, \$194,000; trolley arches, \$1,500; Strauss barrier and hand rail, \$4,000. Alternate proposition for which blue print of bridge design by engineer is submitted, \$172,000. Construction to be superintended by City Engineer A. H. Terry.

To give the engineer time to figure the cost of additional work, the contracts will be awarded until Tuesday at 5 o'clock when the contracts will be awarded.

J. M. SULLIVAN WILL BE FREED SOON, IS REPORT

Dublin, May 6—James M. Sullivan, former American minister to the Dominican Republic, who has been imprisoned in Dublin for several days on a charge of having been implicated in the Irish rebellion, probably will be released today, it is said by officials.

Fr. Jankola's Body Will Lie In State Tomorrow at Church

Garbed in purple vestments, with a gold crucifix clasped in his hands and resting in a velvet oak casket, the body of Rev. Matthew Jankola, late pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius Slovak church was taken from the church rectory at 3 o'clock this afternoon and placed in the church basement until after the Sunday morning services.

Nuns of the church and delegations from several Slavish societies attended the body. Sunday afternoon it will be conveyed to the church proper and will lie in state until the funeral services Monday.

Rev. Gaspar Panik, of Torrington, will be the celebrant of the solemn requiem mass. Other officers of the mass will be Rev. Fr. Skutit of Boston, N. J., deacon; Rev. Fr. Lesinskiy of Cleveland, O., sub-deacon; Rev. Thomas P. Mulcahy of this city, master of ceremonies. Rev. Fr. Vlossak of South Bethlehem, Pa., will preach the eulogy. Bishop John J. Nilan, of Hartford, will pronounce the final absolution. At the solemn obsequies Monday, delegations from all the Slovak organizations will be represented.

Father Jankola was stricken with apoplexy Sunday, April 23, just as he was about to complete celebrating a mass. He died Friday morning.

COL. ROGERS RECOVERING

Col. M. H. Rogers of 172 Washington avenue, who underwent an operation for intestinal trouble at the Post Graduate hospital, New York city, was reported today as rapidly recovering.

FRANCIS BALDWIN DEAD

Francis E. Baldwin, well known in Bridgeport during the 70's and 80's when he was a prominent member of the bar here and associated with the late Henry Sanford under the name of Sanford & Baldwin, died in New Milford today.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; moderate winds, mostly southwest.

BRIDGEPORT POPULATION IS 150,000

DeVer H. Warner Estimates It At That Figure—Predicts Great Future For Park City and Sees Annexation of Stratford and West Stratford.

Prosperity Won't End With War, Declares Manufacturer, Preparing For New Conditions—Employers Who Haven't Improved Conditions Will Have to.

Bridgeport has a population of 150,000 persons, according to DeVer H. Warner, head of the Warner Bros. Co.

The prosperity of Bridgeport is permanent, according to the same authority. "After the war, Bridgeport will settle down to a calm, stable and permanent prosperity," declared Mr. Warner today.

Bridgeport will embrace West Stratford and that section of Fairfield in the neighborhood of Tunxis hill, Mr. Warner believes.

Those manufacturers who didn't meet the new conditions voluntarily last summer by improving wages and working conditions, will have to do it before long, he declares.

Speaking from observations and calculations made because of his connection with the biggest corset factory in the world, the water and gas companies that control housing houses, the commodities in Bridgeport, with the banks and business houses of the city, Mr. Warner prophesied a great future for the Park City.

Mr. Warner said: "It is rather difficult to estimate a population under such conditions as prevail in Bridgeport, but the consumption of commodities, developments, trade and banking is one to arrive at a fairly accurate figure."

"I made a computation a short time ago and as a result, I believe Bridgeport now has 150,000 persons. In the summer of a year ago, before the great onrush of population arrived, I expressed the opinion that Bridgeport would have 200,000 persons in six years. It is my belief now that that figure will be reached long before that time."

"There are many things that enter into the computation. The chief is the business of the banks. A fairly accurate estimate of the number of persons who have come here, leaving their families behind, may be made from the amount of money that is sent out of town."

"The money that is drawn from the banks for payrolls isn't coming back now. It will, later, when the families of these men arrive and set up here. This will occur as soon as the housing facilities can catch up to the increase."

"The stores aren't getting the money now, either, that is the stores that cater to women. The men's furnishing stores are getting more business. These families, the heads of which are in Bridgeport, will come to this city. While the housing situation is inadequate now, it will be changed, and when the big development plans that are now being made, are carried out, the supply will meet the demand."

"Tremendous quantities of furniture are being taken out of the city. The families are out of town, waiting a chance to get a home here."

"The consumption of water and gas indicates the increase. The consumption of water increased 6,000,000 gallons a day last month. Bridgeport is now using 32,000,000 gallons a day. It used to be 18,000,000 to 20,000,000 gallons a day."

"Consumption of gas has increased between 40 and 50 per cent. 'All this is now transient. After the war there will be a slump, a short one, while the great changes due to the diminishing munitions business are taking place. A new and permanent prosperity will follow and Bridgeport will be a great city."

"Any prosperity, no matter where it is, is bound to bring prosperity to Bridgeport. This is because of the variety of manufactures. The munitions business is but one of the manufactures and plays like the other individual businesses, a small part."

"When money comes to Bridgeport, it comes from all over the world. Money will pour into Bridgeport from all over the world after the war."

"Those men who leave the munitions factories will be taken by the other manufacturers."

"The labor situation here is as good as in any other big city. The manufacturers who did not meet the demands for improvement last summer voluntarily will have to do so before long."

Concerning the probable expansion of Bridgeport, Mr. Warner said: "That section of the Brooklawn district about Tunxis hill should be part of Bridgeport, and so should West Stratford. I believe they will be before long."

TO ATTEND N. E. O. P. MEET.

John E. Lyday, Wallace A. Smith, James L. Smith and C. O. Sniffen of this city, will attend the annual meeting of the supreme lodge, N. E. O. P., at Boston on Tuesday.

KING'S BUSINESS DEALINGS AGAIN AILED IN COURT

Acted as Agent For Two Parties to Deal by Which Both Claim Losses.

THOUSANDS HINGE UPON SETTLEMENT

Bank Gets No Mortgage and Home Owner and Mortgagee Person No Case.

As a result of operations that resulted in imprisonment for Clitus H. King, a former attorney in this city, equity in many thousand dollars' worth of property has become involved in legal complication.

It is learned that disputes over property estimated between \$35,000 and \$50,000 in value hinge upon settlement of a common pleas court suit between the Ridgefield Savings bank and Thomas Sherwood of Fairfield. The settlement will involve fine distinctions of the relationship at law between the Ridgefield Savings bank.

Epitomized the test case is substantially this: The Ridgefield Savings bank was a client of Clitus King. Sherwood was likewise a client. In the negotiations that resulted in each case acted as agent for the opposing factions. Sherwood asked King to raise a mortgage. The Ridgefield bank employed King to place the mortgage loan of about \$1,000. The actual cash was placed in the hands of King by the Ridgefield bank for Sherwood. Sherwood gave a note and mortgage on his house through King for the Ridgefield Savings bank.

As a result of misappropriation of funds a mortgage stands against Sherwood for money never received and \$1,000 has been placed out by the bank for which it has never received a mortgage. To all appearances both Sherwood and the bank are innocent parties, both of whom claim have lost through the agent of the other. King, the original agent by reason of his imprisonment has dropped out of sight in the transaction.

This case is said to be one of nearly 30 similar cases and the courts will be called upon to decide the equity.

HAYTI SENATORS ARE DISPERSED BY U. S. MARINES

Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, May 6—Members of the Haytian Senate, who persisted in holding a meeting in spite of the warning of Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the American forces here, were dispersed today by a detachment of gendarmes commanded by an American officer. The Senators protested but offered no resistance.

NORTH RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS AT COURT HOUSE

The county commissioners at a meeting held this morning appointed Edward Chadwick janitor of the county court house in place of Capt. Henry North, who has held the post for 27 years. The new man will take charge June 1. Capt. North is well along in years and felt that he would not be able to take care of the building when the duties are completed. He asked to be retired. He will be retained in a minor capacity and will draw a salary of \$50 a month.

Chadwick has been employed as assistant janitor at the court house for the past seven months. He has proved very efficient. His salary will be \$1,000 or \$1,200 a year. When the addition is completed two more employees will be named. One of these will be a competent engineer who will take charge of the boilers. No other changes will be made in the force of employees.

Crown Official Fails To Make Adjustment

Members of the executive committee of the Crown Corset Co. strikers' union today were unsuccessful in obtaining a settlement yesterday when they called upon Edward Russell, owner of the company in New York. Mr. Russell wanted the girls to return to work and have an adjustment later.

At a meeting of the strikers last night, the executive committee was empowered to call a strike of the Batcheller Co. girls any time they see fit.

Electrical Workers' Strike May Be Ended

Possibility of an adjustment of the electrical workers' strike was reported today when C. J. Boyle, international organizer of the union, called on some of the contractors.

Mr. Boyle received a proposition from the contractors, which will be submitted tonight at a meeting of the 70 or more electrical workers on strike. The meeting will be held in Pattenmakers' hall, 978 Main street.

Seven Thousand Men Strike in St. Louis

St. Louis, May 6—Seven thousand men, members of 16 union in the building trades, were called on strike here today. The men were called out in sympathy with striking hod carriers and building laborers. Work on more than 100 buildings is tied up.

DOWRY LACKING, DRE OF MOTHER ROUSED, HE SAYS

Dentist Gives Statement As to Why She Now Seeks To Evict Him.

ACTION MAY CAUSE SPLIT IN CHURCH

Dr. Schwartz Says Mother Wants To Get Back Cost of His Education.

The dowry question as applied to marriages in America by descendants of wealthy European families is not only the basis of the suit brought to evict him from his present dental quarters at the corner of Main street and Fairfield avenue, but is widening the breach between the orthodox and reformed constituents of the Jewish church, according to Dr. J. W. Schwartz.

The following notice of summary proceedings filed in the city court by Theodore E. Stelber, representing Mrs. Emma Schwartz of Yonkers, mother of the young Bridgeport dentist, is a legal proceeding that is being followed by the Fairfield avenue jeweler, daughter of the Fairfield avenue jeweler, was one of the causes of the legal proceedings.

Particulars of the case were learned when Dr. Schwartz made matters clear in statements issued today.

"The Jewish professional man's great trouble in America today is the dowry system that existed abroad. The older orthodox families who have removed to this country, look upon their professional sons in the same light that the European resident would. In Europe it is high honor to possess a son engaged in a profession. For him to marry without a dowry is most unconventional."

"Though there is not a whisper against my matrimonial choice, and my mother was pleased at the time of the wedding, she was under the belief that an ante-nuptial agreement with dowry had been settled. When she learned to the contrary she began this action which is today throughout America causing a wide breach in the Orthodox faith."

"My mother holds the lease for the office I occupy in the United building, a part of which I sublet to my brother-in-law. She has brought this eviction suit and has added the cost of my college education, which she paid for, and I might almost say, that she has added the complete cost of rearing me from infancy."

Dr. Schwartz will contest the eviction suit and has ordered his attorney, Thomas M. Cullinan, to oppose the issue vigorously.

SCHENECTADY HAS TROLLEY STRIKE; ALL CARS HALTED

Schenectady, N. Y., May 6—A strike called early today has tied up all city and inter-urban lines of the Schenectady Railway Company and no attempt was made to run cars. There was no disorder.

The men demanded a flat raise of five cents an hour to take effect immediately. The offer of the company of a two-cent raise to be followed at the end of two years by another cent raise was refused by the men and a following offer by the company to submit the question to arbitration was also refused.

The strike cut off Albany, Troy, and Saratoga from trolley communication with this city.

Four hundred and seventy motor-men and conductors were on strike.

Sausage Maker's Wagon Hits Woman

Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court today ruled the case of Frank J. Jablonski on payment of costs. Jablonski drives a motor truck for Thos. J. McNamara, sausage manufacturer in Lequeunock street. He was charged with reckless driving.

At 4:30 on the afternoon of March 23, the truck driven by Jablonski struck and knocked down Mrs. Stephen Menney, 795 Noble avenue, while she was attempting to cross the street at Golden Hill and Main streets. The auto truck rounded the corner from Golden Hill street coming up from the station and struck Mrs. Menney. Witnesses said no horn was blown and that the driver was careless. Another witness said that the accident was unavoidable. Judge Wilder ruled the case on payment of costs and said it was a case for the civil courts.

ATTY. REDDEN WILL BE ADMINISTRATOR OF PRIEST'S ESTATE

Attorney William A. Redden will be named by Judge Miller as administrator of the estate of Rev. Matthew Jankola, late pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius Slovak, R. C. church. Application for papers of administration were filed today by Frank Jankola, of 8th street, Scranton, Pa., brother of the dead priest and his only relative in this country.

STRIKER IN COURT.

Torrington, May 6—Dante Lucarini, one of the striking laborers who was arrested yesterday on the charge of breach of the peace, was asked to plead to the additional charge of intimidation when arraigned in borough court today. He pleaded not guilty to both charges and the case was continued until Monday. The number of building laborers on strike is estimated at 450.

BREAK AVERTED BY BERLIN NOTE, CAPITAL BELIEF

Official Text of Communication, Laid Before President Today, Shows No Change From Press Version—Assurances of Germany Will Be Accepted, Pending Developments As To Effectiveness of New Orders to U-Boat Commanders—Bernstorff, Back in Capital, Maintains Silence.

Washington, May 6—The official text of Germany's note, fully decoded and laid before President Wilson today, shows no material differences from the unofficial text published yesterday in news despatches. This strengthens the probability that a diplomatic break has been averted at least for the present.

Overnight study of the note by cabinet members and officials did not change their view that probably there would be no break in diplomatic relations unless there were further attacks in violation of international law.

There is a possibility that the United States may make a brief reply notifying the Berlin government that as long as the new orders to submarine commanders are fully observed diplomatic relations will not be discontinued on that score.

Secretary Lansing already has studied the note and is going over it very carefully again today. There were indications that further consideration by the cabinet would not be necessary.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returned to the embassy today from New York. He said he had no communication from his government.

Several members of the cabinet are not expected back in Washington before Monday.

London, May 6—The Daily News

EIGHTH REBEL EXECUTED; ONE LEADER NER BEFORE HE FACES FIRING SQUAD

Dublin, May 6—Major John McBride, convicted of treason with the Irish rebellion, has been executed. He is the eighth of the rebel leaders to face the firing squad.

Joseph Plunkett, who was shot yesterday, was married an hour before his execution. It was announced today. His bride was Miss Giffard, sister of Mrs. Thomas MacDonogh, whose husband was among the first of the rebels executed.

Thomas Hughes and William Cosgrove, who were sentenced to death with Major McBride, had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.

Major John McBride served throughout the Irish rebellion with the Irish brigade under General Piet. When the Boers finally surrendered he made his escape and took refuge in Paris, where he later married Miss Maud O'Connell, known in home circles in Ireland as "The Irish Joan D'Arc." In 1905 Major and Mrs. McBride delivered a series of lectures in the United States on Irish politics. On their return to Paris Mrs. McBride sued for divorce and was granted a legal separation. McBride maintained his interest in Irish political affairs and was always identified with the extreme or separatist faction of the Nationalist party.

STANDARD OIL SAD TO SEEK DOCKAGE HERE

Facilities Firm Possesses Here Are Inadequate For Its Business.

The Standard Oil Co. of New York is reported today as seeking additional dockage facilities in Bridgeport. The greatly increased volume of business throughout Bridgeport and the outlying country section and the embargo placed upon rail shipments is said to have demanded that the Standard Oil Co. have additional dockage for berthing large tank steamers from which the product may be pumped direct to tank-trucks and distributed quickly.

The company has limited facilities for water transportation at the foot of Admiral street. Negotiations have been reported between the Standard Oil and the owners of the Pehr West dock property at the foot of Pembroke street.

HENRY FORD SUED BY NAVY LEAGUE; LIBEL IS ALLEGED

Washington, May 6—The Navy League filed a suit for libel today in the district supreme court against Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, asking for \$100,000 damages. The suit alleged libel in some of Ford's published statements opposing military preparedness.

NAMED U. S. JUDGE.

Washington, May 6—J. Warren Davis, of Trenton, United States Attorney for New Jersey, was nominated today for the new federal district judgeship recently created by Congress for New Jersey. Charles F. Lynch, of Paterson, Mr. Davis' assistant, was nominated for United States Attorney.

B. H. S. SENIORS TO HAVE FINERY FOR GRADUATION

Graduating Class Votes to Do Away With Cap and Gown Custom.

Staid caps and gowns have been abandoned in favor of the flapper Vogue and Kuppenheimer models by the sweet girl and boy graduates of Bridgeport high school, class of 1916. The seniors met, this week, and after considerable debate decided to revert to the go-as-you-please method in the matter of graduation dress.

A year ago, the seniors, in the interest of economy, decided that graduation frolics in dress should be substituted. The cap and gown were substituted.

According to reports from the senior class meeting, the girls of the class were leaders in the movement to abolish the cap and gown. Several took issue with boys who defended the regime instituted last year. When a vote came, it was found that the caps and gowns had been routed by a big vote.

The seniors also decided to introduce something new in the graduation festivities this year in the form of a banquet. The banquet was first proposed as a substitute for the senior dance, but the devotees of terpsichore fought it off on that basis. They were willing, however, to have the banquet as an extra added attraction and it will be held, probably in the school, on the night of Senior Day.

Characteristic day will be held at one of the beaches on May 19, and a class picnic will also be included in the graduation parties. John Ceeney has been elected class prophet; Miss Marion Meigs, class historian; and Raymond Eastwood, class poet. The class photographs will be by Haley.

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BALLARD CAR HITS BOY

County Commissioner Frank E. Ballard ran down six-year-old William Terry, 359 Hawley avenue, when the child stepped from behind a trolley car on North Main street, Wednesday evening. The Ballard car merely brushed and knocked down the child. The boy was not injured.